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### News Release

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### **July 10, 2015 Court Is Back In Session: Union Cemetery Chapel 6:30PM-8:00PM 323 North King St. Leesburg, Virginia**

July 10, 2015 marks the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Loudoun County Court opening session after the Civil War. In May 1861, the Court Justices ordered George K. Fox Jr, Clerk of Court, to remove all court records. Mr. Fox removed the court records to Campbell County Virginia and they remained there until the summer of 1865. From February 1862-June 1865 no court was held. To commemorate the July 10, 1865 court session, the Clerk of the Circuit Court Gary M. Clemens and the Historic Records Division will offer an evening program observing this historic event in Loudoun's court history.

Starting at 6:30PM at Union Cemetery, the Clerk's Office Historic Records team and the Loudoun County's Sesquicentennial Committee will sponsor a wreath laying and presentation on the life of George K. Fox to honor his legacy of saving the court records from destruction. Brenda S. Butler, Chief Deputy Clerk for the Clerk of the Circuit Court, will give a presentation on the life of George K. Fox Jr. Mrs. Butler has conducted extensive research on the life and role Mr. Fox had in saving the court records. The court will also enter an order commemorating the July 10, 1865 court session and Mr. Fox.

The evening will conclude with a free 45-60 minute guided tour of Union cemetery by Mary Fishback of the Thomas Balch Library. During the tour, Mrs. Fishback will highlight the graves of many prominent Loudoun citizens and special monuments. The tour and wreath laying will be conducted by costume interpreters. The tour requires registration. Please call 703-737-8775.

[Article on George K. Fox Saving the Court Records](#)

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